on 31.5.1990. According to the Bill, the Union territory of Delhi was to be converted into a State known as the "Capital State of Delhi". The Bill was moved for consideration on 6.9.1990. With the dissolution of the Lok Sabha, the Bill lapsed. There is no immediate proposal to reintroduce the Bill.

[*Translation*]

Registered Troupes of Bihar with Song and Drama Division

644. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the registered troupes of Bihar with the Songs and Drama Division of AIR; and

(b) the details of the programmes presented by these troupes during the last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) A list of names of registered troupes of Bihar with the Song & Drama Division is given in the statement attached. It is clarified that Song and Drama Division is a separate organisation in the Ministry and is not a part of All India Radio.

(b) In the last two years (1989 and 1990) there was 23 and 37 registered troupes in Bihar which presented 1010 and 2177 programmes respectively during the last two years. These programmes were presented both in urban and rural areas covering fairs, festivals and other important events through folk plays, puppet shows, dramas, ballets, harikathas and the sound and light programmes.

STATEMENT

List of Names of Registered Troupes of Bihar Under Song and Drama Division.

1. M/s. Sapt Kala Niketan, Darbhanga.
2. M/s. Jamghat Sanskriti Sanstha, Madhubani.
3. M/s. Swar Sangam, Darbhanga.
4. M/s. Lok Kala Kunj, Champaran.
5. M/s. Swar Sangam, Muzaffarpur.
6. M/s. Bajrang Sanskritik Dal, Darbhanga.
7. M/s. Krishna Lok Sangeet Party, Madhubani.
8. M/s. Aamrapali Kala Sangam, Hazipur.
9. M/s. Ismile and Party, Bhojpur.
10. M/s. Santhali Sankritik Mandli, Dumke.
11. M/s. Noor Mohammad and Party, Vaishali.
12. M/s. Pushpanjali, Patna.
13. M/s. Bharti Qawaal and Party, Bhagalpur.
14. M/s. Vaishali Kala Kendra, Vaishali (Hazipur).
15. M/s. Surangan Artist, Patna.
16. M/s. Natya Shree, Patna.
17. M/s. Prayas Cultural Troupe, Patna.
18. M/s. Mishra Bandhu Sanskritik Dal, Madhubani.
19. M/s. Shree Ram Nandan Mishra, Madhubani. (Bhagwat Kala Gayan).
20. M/s. Nritya Kala Sangam, Hazipur.

21. M/s. Sat Sangeet Party, Darbhanga.

22. M/s. Warsi Brothers Qawal Party, Mazatfarpur.

23. M/s. Surya Narain Thakur, Bhajnopeshk, Bahera, Darbhanga.

24. M/s. Jagrati, Jamshedpur.

25. M/s. Mashuk Ahmed Shoj Qawal & Party, Madhubani.

26. M/s. Radhe Madhav Mandali, Jagatpur, Madhubani.

27. M/s. Hindustan Mitra Mandal Natya Samiti, Jamshedpur.

28. M/s. Kanhaiya Lal Yadav & Party, Hajaribagh.

29. M/s. Sarswali Sangeet Mandli, Munger.

30. M/s. Prayas Drama Troup, Patna.

31. M/s. Radha Mohan Sanskritik Dal, Madhubanl.

32. M/s. Munda Sanskriti Vikas Samiti, Ranchi.

33. M/s. Santhali Kabigan Mandali, Dumka, Bihar.

34. M/s. Adivasi Lok Nritya Mandli, Lumbai, Bihar.

35. M/s. Oran Sanskritik Sangh, Ranchi.

36. M/s. Adivasi Kala Kendra, Hatea, Bihar.

37. M/s. Kumrnand Nut Party, Bastar, Bihar.

Correspondents In AIR and Doordarshan Preparing Hindi News

645. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full time Correspondents in All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra collecting and preparing Hindi news;

(b) the number of full time Correspondents in each All India Radio Station and Doordarshan Kendra, and the languages used by them; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government for increasing the number of Correspondents collecting and preparing informations in Hindi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). There are at present 151 full time corespondents in All India Radio and Doordarshan. These correspondents were not recruited for any specific language. At present, 28 correspondents of All India Radio are filing their reports In Hindi. All India Radio/ Doordarshan have no plans, at present, to recruit more correspondents.

Information Officer Preparing Hindi release In Press Information Bureau.

646. SHRI. RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no Information Officer in Press Information Bureau; for preparing Hindi release;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to appoint Information Officer for issuing Hindi press release;

(c) the number of Hindi press releases Issued during the last one year; and

(d) whether Hindi press releases are